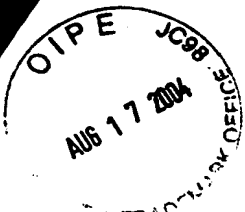


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, Applicants hereby elect species 1, for prosecution in the subject application. **Claims 31-35, 39-52, 54, 55 and 61** are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claim 31 is generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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